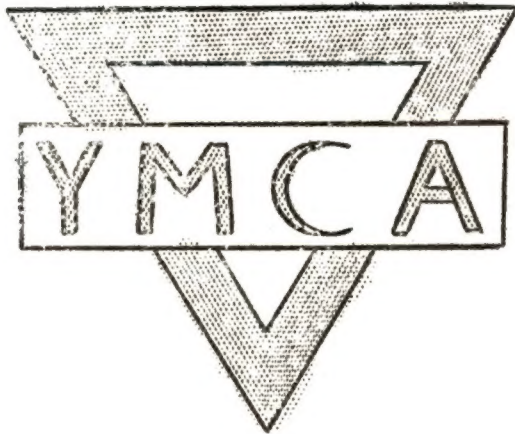
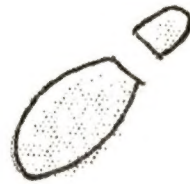


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POINT ST. CHARLES BRANCH



1952

ANNUAL REPORT



FIRST STEPS INTO THE
SECOND CENTURY

GENERAL PROGRAM AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

A. TWENTARNY - CHAIRMAN

A surprising step took place in the number of members in the teenage group. The boys and young men from 14 to 20 and the girls from 14 to 18 formed the main source of new members during 1952. The Saturday night teenage dances proved to be the main attraction. Members who came for this activity soon found out more about the regular program and have taken an active part in it.

Due to the lack of adequate facilities for individual group programs, it was necessary to meet the needs of the teenagers through mass activities. Some groups, however, have been formed and the bases laid for others.

A Phalenx Club (a group for young men over 17) was organized during the fall and it has planned a very worthwhile program.

Due to the loss of the capable leadership of Mary Jean Saunders the Y-ettes girls club stopped holding meetings in the spring. There is great need for leadership for girls' teenage groups.

The girls' gym classes have continued to be the main program for girls only. They took an active part in the gymnastic display held during the spring.

The older boys organized themselves into a four-team Basketball House League. Games were being played on Tuesday evenings until the repairs were started on the gym floor.

BOYS' WORK COMMITTEE

J. W. Long - Chairman

Our steps with boys 10 to 14 years of age has been mainly in the field of club work. Gr - Y (Grade School YMCA) Clubs were held after School for boys from grades 4 through 7. N. Y. (Neighbourhood YMCA) Clubs were held in the evenings. Special physical groups were held both after school, in the evenings and on Saturday mornings and afternoons. There were specific times, too, when the boys had gym classes for all members, the use of the games in the Games Room, and spontaneous games of floor hockey in the basement areas.

Camp Champlain was the Point St. Charles Y.M.C.A. city - day camp for boys held during the month of July. Supervised outdoor activities were the main program, which also includes swimming, tours of industries, and places of interest, crafts, special speakers, and overnight camping. Camp Champlain was held in the Centenary United Church.

A new venture has been the work with the girls of grades 5, 6 and 7 of Lorne School. With the help of the gym instructress, two Girls Gr - Ys have been organized. One afternoon each week has been devoted to a program of games and square dancing for boys and girls.

The work which the Y.M.C.A. is doing with both the boys and girls is only possible through the voluntary help of older people. This work can be expended if more volunteers are obtained.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

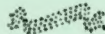
H. W. HOLMES - CHAIRMAN

1952 was a year of many changes in the accommodation of the Point St. Charles YMCA in Lerne School.

Repairs were made to the gymnasium during the summer months which prohibited the use of the building by the boys of "Camp Champlain." During November the accommodation on the 1st floor was required by the School Board, and the alternative space in the basement was not available until the end of the year. The floor of the gymnasium was torn up by the middle of December and was not completed until mid-January.

The result of these later repairs was that only the large basement areas were available for programs. This naturally caused some decline in attendance and membership renewals.

The final result, however, has been an overall improvement in our accommodation, and the space available for activities.



Y. M. C. A. WORLD SERVICES

G. McPHERSON - CHAIRMAN

The Y.M.C.A. of Montreal is one of the outstanding supporters of the work of the Y.M.C.A. in other countries. The main work of the Y.M.C.A. International Committee is to provide leaders who develop the Y.M.C.A. in the countries to which they are sent. The results of this policy are seen in the strong Y.M.C.A.'s in Asia, South America, and the revivals in Europe since the end of the war. In 1952 Montreal contributed \$30,350 - of this the Point St. Charles Branch objective of \$100 was secured. This small sum was raised through the cooperation of all members by individual contribution, sale of Christmas Cards, and coca-colas at the dances.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Annual Gymnastic Display was an outstanding step forward this year. The demonstration of the Senior and Junior Tumbling Clubs was rated very high. The program also featured precision marching by the Preps, a Commando race by the Juniors, and items by the Girls' Gym Class.

A Point Sports Council was organized to assist in the operation of community - wide house leagues for boys in the seasonal sports. Under this council the YMCA developed a Basketball Training Course for all boys 14 and under. The Course was capably handled by Magnus Flynn, Athletic Director of Sir George Williams College, and members of the "Georgians" Basketball Team. Games in the house league were played at the 79th Battery and the Y.M.C.A.



YMCA - Sir George Williams College Building Fund

Chairman - Hugh C. Fetterly

Members and friends of the Y.M.C.A. united under the capable leadership of our Chairman to raise the largest amount in the history of the Point St. Charles Y.M.C.A. This year's campaign was for \$3,300,000. The main objective was to secure the funds to erect a building for Sir George Williams College, adjacent to the Central Y.M.C.A. Additions to Southwestern, N.D.G., and Central YMCAs and new buildings for Northmount and Lachine Branches, were also included in the objective.

Point St. Charles residents have found the value of Sir George Williams College and Schools. Many of them have their formal education by attending the Elementary and High School, and the Day or Evening College. The result of the campaign, while not 100% is sufficient to start all the projects.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

H. Broadley - Chairman

		Registered Paid	Registered Not Paid	Total
Members	Dec. 31/51	185	194	379
Members	Dec. 31/52	375	182	557
Boys		154	135	289
Young Men (18 to 24)	43		15	58
Men (25 & over)	23			23
Girls	148		32	180
Woman (18 & over)	7			7

New Members 305 Unrenewed Expiries 115 Gain 190

Total Different Members During Year 509

PARTICIPATION

	No.	Enrollment	Number of Sessions	Total Participation
Clubs	12	164	96	979
Classes	11	191	190	3042
Teams	32	312	131	2520
Special Interest Group	5	106	81	1164
Committees	13	65	62	340
Camp Chaplain	1	17	50	1054
Regular Gen. Activities	18		375	11186
Special " "	11		21	1195
Totals	103	855	1006	21,480

Members Home Areas

Point St. Charles	281	74.6%
Verdun	43	11.4%
St. Antoine	19	5.5%
Other #	32	8.5%
Total	375	100.0%

Includes Ville LaSalle, Lachine, N.D.G., Ville St. Laurent, Rosemount, Town of Mount Royal, Park Extension. This gives an indication to where Point St. Charles people have moved.

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Board of Management

J. W. Long - Chairman
J. W. Shields - Vice Chairman (Resigned - moved away)
C. Ehrhardt - Secretary
S. A. Serper - Finance
E. Broadley - Membership (Resigned - moved away)
A. Twentarny - General Program
H. W. Holmes - House Committee
L. Melis - Metropolitan Y. M. C. Committee
G. McPherson - World Services.
D. Harrison
P. Burrows
E. McCreight
R. W. Kirkham (Resigned - ill health)
T. Taitley (Resigned - ill health)
E. Leatherbarrow (Resigned - Business)
T. Hewitt (Resigned - Business)
J. Howe (Resigned - ill health)

Advisory Board

S. Kneeland Mrs. F. W. Buckler Rev. G. F. Leigh
Hugh C. Fetterly (Financial Campaign Chairman) Dr. A. G. Parks

Statement of Purpose

The Young Men's Christian Association is a world-wide Fellowship of men and boys united in a common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of building Christian personalities in a Christian society.

Voluntary Leaders

Y-Wettes Girls Club
Saturday morning ice hockey
Tumbling Clubs
Model Airplane Club
Boys N.Y. Clubs

Biddy Basketball Team
Games Poom Supervision

Marv Jean Saunders
Graham French
Roy Norman
Roger Carter
Norman McLeod
Cyril Richardson
Albert Shepherd
C. Ehrhardt
N. Gearey
R. H. Kirkham

Helpers - Referees - Timekeepers

Many young men and women, and boys and girls gave outstanding service acting as referees, and timekeepers, giving out games and equipment, supervising playing areas, decorating the new Club Room, and soliciting in the Financial Campaign. Their help was needed - the work of the Y.M.C.A. could not continue without them.

Staff

J. Gordon Clarke
D. A. Luger
G. Playfair (Jan - May)
G.T. McRae (Oct - Dec)
A. Crombie (Jan - May)
D. Fleming (Oct. - Dec)
C. Bradley (Oct - Dec)

Executive Secretary
Physical
(Boys and
(Teenagers
)Girls Physical
)Girls Physical
Boys

Finance Committee

S. A. Serper - Chairman

Total expenditures (school rental, administration, equipment and program)	\$8,054.53
Total receipts - membership and program	\$2,048.87
X Operating deficit	<u>\$6,005.66</u>

X Amount received from Joint Fund, for which the Financial Campaign is held.

IN APPRECIATION

J. GORDON CLARKE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The first year in the second century of YMCA work in Montreal has passed. A step into the future has been taken and become history. The main imprint will be the increased work with the teenagers - boys and girls 14 years of age and over. The foregoing reports give the facts and figures. Here we wish to express our appreciation of all that has been done by our members and friends.

The co-operation of all concerned with Lorne School has continued to be a source of great joy. The caretaking staff, the teachers, the principal, and members of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, have all contributed to the success of our work.

The work of the chairman, team captains and workers in the YMCA - Sir George Williams Building Fund campaign, was outstanding. They have had the privilege of helping to make a sounder future for the youth of Montreal and districts. Theirs is the satisfaction of a job well done.

The other organizations working with the youth of Point St. Charles have been co-operative. The formation of the Point Sports Council was a great advancement.

A tribute must be paid to the parents who have shown their interest, the voluntary leaders who have helped in many and varied capacities, and the Board of Management who have undertaken the responsibility for the Branch. The staff too, have contributed greatly to the success of the year's work.

Appreciation is given to the countless number of individuals who have helped in the operation of our program. Steinbergs' Day at Belmont Park is the peak of the summer program. Visits to industrial plants help give the boys an insight into the outside world. The facilities of the Montreal Playgrounds, the coverage of the press, and the support of the other Branches of the Y.M.C.A. of Montreal have contributed to the success of our program.

The work of the Y.M.C.A. is only possible through the co-operation of the community, the schools, the churches and the homes. Its basis is the sound Christian principles that guide us. With your prayers and God's help, the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in Point St. Charles will continue to serve the youth of Canada and of the World.